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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE –
EXAMINING GROUP 1638**

PATENT
Attorney Docket No.: 085761-000510US
Client Ref. No.: AR009US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Kazutoshi Okuno, et al.

Application No.: 09/560,780

Filed: April 28, 2000

For: METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING
FIELD RESISTANCE OF RICE TO
RICE BLAST

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 5157

Examiner: A. Kubelik

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1638

PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OF
ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.103(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for a suspension of action under 37 C.F.R.
§1.103(a) for the above referenced application. This petition accompanies a response to
the Office Action mailed October 21, 2003. Applicant requests a six month suspension
of action.

Statement of reasons supporting petition for suspension

In the above-referenced Office Action, the Examiner indicated that a
deposit according to the requirements of the Budapest Treaty must be made to satisfy the

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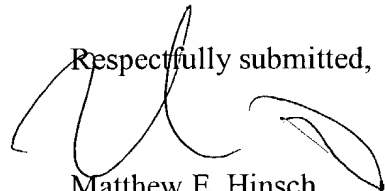
enablement requirement for claims 1, 4, and 7. Applicant will need at least 6 months to produce the required number of seeds of each of the parental strains.

Applicants authorize payment of the fee set forth under 37 CFR § 1.17(h) in the accompanying fee transmittal, per the requirements of 37 CFR 1.103(a)(2).

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (415) 576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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